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Sievers' paper on Venezuela. It is gratifying to see that he has distinctly separated his political allusions from his geographical treatment of the subject, for which he is more especially qualified. He gives a third of the book to the geography of Venezuela, a quarter to its products, industry and trade, and the remainder to the people and government. No one is better prepared than Dr. Sievers, who has studied Venezuela on the ground, to give an accurate portrayal of the country in these aspects. It is much to be desired that similar convenient and accurate sources of information for other parts of Latin America be made accessible.

Jahrbuch der Naturwissenschaften, 1902-1903. Eighteenth Year.
Edited by Dr. Max Wildermann. pp. xii + 508. Forty-six wood-
cuts and two small maps. B. Herder, St. Louis, Mo., and Frei-
burg-im-Breisgau, 1903. (Price, \$2 net.)

Dr. Wildermann had the assistance of twelve or fifteen specialists of Germany in the preparation of this record of the progress made in a year in the leading sciences and technical pursuits. Dr. Franz Heiderich, of Vienna, tells in 32 pages what was accomplished by explorers and surveyors in all parts of the world. His summary is excellent and thorough, but it is necessarily very concise. Its helpfulness would be increased if reference were given in every case to works in which fuller information is attainable. Anthropology, ethnology, and meteorology are other subjects treated, of especial interest to geographical students.

Die Vereinigten Staaten von Nordamerika. Von Dr. Otto Höttsch. 180
pp., 111 illustrations, and a map in colors. Velhagen & Klasing,
Bielefeld und Leipzig, 1904. (Price, 4 marks.)

This is a finely-illustrated monograph on the history of the United States. Although the matter is necessarily compressed, the writer has succeeded in conveying sound information, and has closely linked our past with our present, so that the German reader may get a clear idea of the nation as it is and of the influences that have developed it. The book is well indexed.

Köln am Rhein. Von George Hölscher. Horsch & Bechstedt,
Köln a/ Rh., 1902.

A small but quite complete guide-book to Cologne, with many illustrations, plans of principal theatres, an excellent coloured map of the city, and a sketch map of the environs, illustrating half-day and whole-day excursions. The book is fully indexed.